

REMARKS

The specification has been modified to include descriptions of the figures 7C, 7D, and 7E, which were previously not included in the specification under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings."

No new matter has been added.

It is believed therefore that the present application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1-6, 8-17, 19-24, 26-31, and 33-36 being patentable.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003. Claims 1-6, 8-17, 19-24, 26-31, and 33-36 will be pending in the present application upon entry of the present amendment, with claims 1 and 19 being independent. Based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims may include additional elements that are not taught or suggested by the cited art, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Upon entry of the foregoing Response, the above-identified patent application includes 32 total claims, 2 of which are independent. Because Applicants have previously paid for 36 total claims and 2 independent claims, Applicants submit that no additional fee is due. Should it be determined that any additional fee is due or any excess fee has been received, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #19-0761.

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent at the below-listed number.

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